

Gisborne, North Island, New Zealand

Where New Zealand's history began — first landfall for Captain Cook, first land to greet each sunrise, and a sun-drenched coast of surf, wine, and deep Māori culture.

 Tender port  Typical call: 7-9 hrs  NZD (cards widely accepted)  English & Māori  Poverty Bay, East Cape

MY DAY IN PORT

Ship/Date: _____	Arrive: _____	All aboard: _____
Excursion: _____	Notes: _____	

GETTING ASHORE

Docking: Tender — ships anchor in Poverty Bay; tenders to inner harbour **Walk to centre:** ~15 min / 1.2 km along the Tūranganui River from tender pier

Best For: Māori culture, surf beaches, wine tours, Cook history **Don't Miss:** Kaiti Hill views & Captain Cook landing site

 Getting around:  Taxi  NZD 10–15 ·  Rideshare  Uber

TOP THINGS TO DO

- **Dive Tatapouri Reef Ecology Tour** — Wade onto a coastal reef at low tide and hand-feed wild stingrays and eagle rays — Gisborne's most distinctive experience.
- **Kaiti Hill & Cook Landing Site** — Climb or taxi to Titirangi (Kaiti Hill) for 360° views of Poverty Bay and your ship.
- **Tairāwhiti Museum** — One of New Zealand's best regional museums — Māori taonga (treasures), a restored historic cottage, maritime exhibits, and the intriguing Star of...
- **Rere Rockslide & Falls** — A 60-metre natural rock chute where locals slide on boogie boards into a swimming hole.
- **Gisborne Wine Trail** — Gisborne is the Chardonnay Capital of New Zealand, famed for rich, buttery whites and excellent Gewürztraminer.

BEST WALKS

- **Tūranganui River Walkway to City Centre** 1.2 km · 15 min · Flat & paved — The classic cruise walk: follow the scenic riverbank path from the inner harbour tender landing straight into the Gladstone Road café district.
- **Waikanae Beach Stroll** ~2 km · 25 min from tender · Flat — Continue past the city centre to Waikanae Beach — a wide grey-sand beach safe for swimming, popular with locals.
- **Kaiti Hill Lookout** 1.5 km up · 30 min climb · Moderate — From the Cook Monument at the base of Kaiti Hill, follow the walking track to the summit for sweeping views across Poverty Bay and your anchored cruise ship.

WEATHER · DAYLIGHT · MONEY

 CLIMATE (AVG °F · RAINY DAYS)			
Mon	High	Low	Rain
Apr	66°	54°	13d
Jun	58°	47°	14d
Aug	57°	45°	12d
Sep	60°	47°	14d
Oct	64°	50°	11d

 DAYLIGHT &  MONEY	
Apr 6:35AM–5:40PM · Jun 7:24AM–4:52PM · Aug 6:54AM–5:30PM · Sep 6:09AM–5:57PM · Oct 6:22AM–7:25PM	

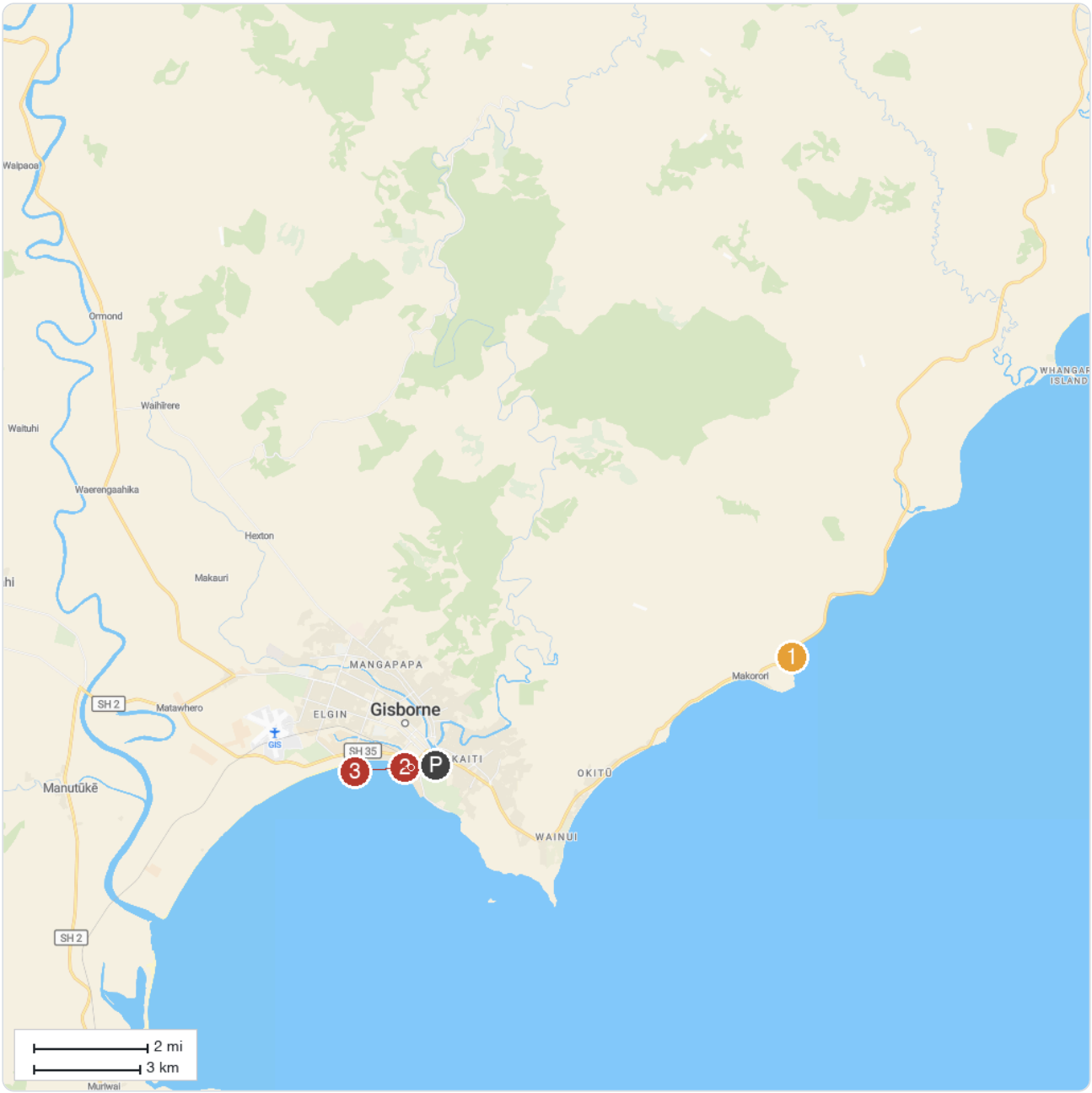
KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

- Strict NZ biosecurity: Do not bring fruit, food, or plant material ashore. On-the-spot fines of \$400 NZD apply — and they check bags at the port.
- Sun burns fast here: New Zealand's UV index is extreme. Apply high-SPF sunscreen even on cloudy days — the ozone layer is thin over NZ.
- Cash vs card: NZD. Credit and debit cards (Visa/Mastercard) are accepted nearly everywhere. ATMs are on Gladstone Road if needed.
- Taxis are limited: Gisborne is a small city. If heading to Wainui Beach, Dive Tatapouri, or the wineries independently, pre-book a taxi or rental car — don't assume one will be available dockside.
- Tender weather risk: Poverty Bay is exposed to open-ocean swell. Tendering can be delayed or cancelled in rough conditions. Don't book non-refundable land transport until you're confirmed ashore.
- Chardonnay capital: Order the local wine — Gisborne Chardonnay and Gewürztraminer are world-class and affordable. Several restaurants near the tender pier have excellent cellar lists.

Gisborne, North Island, New Zealand — Port Map

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Red = walkable sights · Amber = excursions farther out · P = cruise terminal. Numbers match the order you'd typically visit.



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| 1 | Dive Tatapouri | Interact with wild stingrays and marine life at this reef. | 2 | Young Nick Statue | Statue of Young Nick, first European to sight New Zealand. |
| 3 | Captain Cook Statue | Statue of Captain Cook, who charted New Zealand's coast. | P | Cruise port / terminal | |